



**PARKSIDE
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Archimedes Class

Dear Parents and carers of Archimedes Class,

Welcome to a new year and a new start for all. Some of your children are starting school for the very first time in Reception and some are starting a new year in Year 1. I am looking forward to working alongside you to support your child in their progress and development during their time in Archimedes Class.

All of your children have settled in so well and have coped well with new routines and environments. Thank you for your support in preparing them for their transition to school as it is so important that they have a positive start to their schooling experience.

In reception this term we are focusing our learning on new routines, expectations and self-help skills. The children are encouraged to try and do things independently where possible. We continue to follow the Early Years Foundation stage curriculum in Reception and will complete a profile/ learning journey for each of the children. We value your input in this as we always like to include parent voice in telling us the things they have been doing at home.

Our Cornerstones topic for this term is Memory Box and we will be looking at how we have changed since we were babies and the memories we have of our early childhood. We will also be looking at how the seasons change over time.

Please remember to label all new items that come into school with your child's name as even with low numbers of children it is hard to identify belongings. For those that have not done so already, please send in plimsolls for P.E.

We will be introducing the children to different authors each term, with lots of fabulous rhyming texts to engage the children. Very soon your child will bring home reading books to share with you and we encourage you to make this part of your everyday routine.

As always, please don't hesitate to speak to either myself, Mrs Hardie or Miss Court if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Kind regards,

Mr Timothy Lester

Class Teacher